

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, August 13, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Cambridge, Monday, Aug. 13, (1876?) My dear Alec:

Two letters from you today, one dated Friday morning and the other Saturday. Am I to write those experiments in your book? I do not like to do so on my own responsibility.

I am glad you enjoyed your day with the reds. It does seem wonderful to us accustomed to regard them as dreaded foes to think of your going unharmed among them and making friends of them. May the day come sometime when we shall treat our Indians as you do yours. Why don't we take example from you?

Mamma wants me to say that she thought it so hard for your poor Mother to have you away so long, that while you were there she could not even wish to have you again, but now she is very anxious to see you and wishes you were coming straight through, she misses you dreadfully. Sister sends her love and shall be very glad to see you.

Grandma is pretty well and goes out to ride, but does not come to meals.

It is very warm here, still the pouring rain you spoke of looked so delicious, how we wished we had it. We have had no rain since my return I think.

I am in a hurry for this must go before five, and can only say how very very glad I am you are coming back. Hope you won't find us unbearably dull and prosaic after your Indians.

With very much love and kindest regards to your Uncle and Cousin.

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Ever your, May.